

News: **Seniors strike a balance** - p2
 Sports: **Colts want win streak** - p8

DIDSBURY REVIEW

61¢ plus GST

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2009

www.didsburyreview.ca

Volume 22 Issue 50

**Student to
 carry
 Olympic
 torch**
 - p3



Security cut from hospital

BY TAMARA CUNNINGHAM
 Didsbury Review

Didsbury's hospital will be getting by without in-house security next spring as part of Alberta Health Service's ongoing attempts to cut costs.

The move to eliminate two full-time guard positions from the Didsbury Hospital comes after a provincewide comparison of security services.

The medical superboard found that 40 per cent of its hospitals were making do without protective services while others had more personnel than was needed.

"What we're trying to do is create a better balance of resources across the province...so rural type sites that never had protective services before, get access," said Tom Weeks, Alberta Health Service's director of protective services and parking.

Beginning April 1, the province will adopt a new model that will mix peace officers with contract workers in many of Alberta's urban centres and send out mobile patrol units to rural communities.

Didsbury and 38 hospitals similar in size will be using the mobile model, which will give centres twice-weekly patrols. Nine of those hospitals will have in-house security cut, while the rest have always done without.

Weeks said AHS assumes if 30 hospitals with high volumes of patients have gotten by without physical interference, so will the rest. He is confident there will be no additional risk for Albertans.

The new model will also collapse seven regional dispatch centres to make way for a mega dispatch in Edmonton.

Two hundred positions are expected to be lost, with 100 of those absorbed by contract workers. The hospital security force will be reduced by 90 people or 20 per cent overall, Weeks said.

He could not say how much money will be saved by moving protective services to a contractor because the position hasn't yet gone to tender.

Guy Smith, president of the Alberta Union of Provincial Employees, said the plan doesn't make any sense.

"(Alberta Health Services) is doing this on the basis that it will save money but we have seen contract work before and it winds up costlier and less effective," Smith said.

Four years ago, Calgary experienced high turnover with its contract staff and created a full in-house security team as a result.

Last week, the union planned protests at four Calgary hospitals but cancelled them because of the extreme cold. Smith instead set up an information table at Foothills Medical Centre and encouraged rural hospitals, like Didsbury, to do similar protests.

On Monday, 50 staff from the Didsbury Hospital wore red armbands in protest of the loss of security. Their fear is that other services will soon be contracted out.

"We are not sure where they will go next to make significant cuts to the budget and we're worried," said Sherry Tschritter, an AUPE chair for general support staff in Didsbury.

"Our hospital is understaffed as it is...we need more to run the hospital efficiently, not less."

Alberta Health Services said by no means are layoffs or moves to contract employees a trend - though the union expects this is just the beginning.

"There is no doubt about it. Alberta Health Services will be looking at other areas to contract out," Smith said.



Carla Victor/Didsbury Review

LAY-UP - Didsbury Dragon Mackenzie Code goes for a lay-up during a game against the Spruce View Vikings, Saturday. Dragons won the match to secure second place in the Didsbury Dragons Invitational Basketball Tournament last week.



**VALUE
 DRUG
 MART**

CHRISTMAS WRAP

40 Sq. Ft. by Falcon Impex

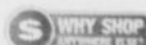
FREE

The first 50 customers everyday this week to purchase anything in the store receive a FREE roll of Christmas wrap! Sale Price \$1.99



NEILSON
 Assorted
 Snacking
 Boxes,
 131 g

78¢



**PEPSI COLA
 PRODUCTS**
 Assorted Varieties
 12 X 355 ml

**3 for
 \$9.99**

plus deposit and environmental levy where applicable

**OPEN
 THURSDAYS
 TILL 8PM!**
 9 - 6 MONDAY
 TO SATURDAY

1710 - 20 Street, Didsbury • 403-335-3307

Balance exercises help seniors prevent falls

BY TAMARA CUNNINGHAM
Didsbury Review

By the time baby boomers reach their stumbling prime, Aspen Ridge Lodge will have perfected its balance program.

Therapist Brandee Bowman designed the lodge's first balance program to help residents ward off falls.

The project - Steady as U Go - has had such a high success rate, she is now considering branching the program out into the general community.

"Balance and strengthening is a huge movement right now in fall prevention," Bowman said.

"We heard that Alberta Health Services is going to look at a provincial strategy and thought we'd be proactive on this."

Falls happen to one in three seniors living in the community and cause 90 per cent of hip fractures.

In 2006, the Alberta Centre for Injury Control and Research reported that nearly 7,000 hospital admissions and 19,000 emergency visits were because of a tumble.

"Falls are huge...and I think people are very much aware of that, but what people don't always know is that falls are preventable. This program is proof of that."

Bowman took eight seniors aged 70 to 93 into her pilot program, who wanted to walk without fear of falling. They had lost muscle mass and strength, their gait was more shuffle than stride and they had poor posture - all affecting the way they moved.

Beginning September 21, they were introduced to a three-part program. It had them listening to lectures about what leads to falls, performing exercises and completing an obstacle course that included rising out of a chair and stepping over a series of pool noodles.

It wasn't easy, Bowman said.

Her seniors had to let go of their canes and walkers and lift their feet over the short noodles or walk with their eyes on the wall instead of on their feet.

The program was breaking habits and it frustrated her participants.

But at the end of the 10-week period, they all showed marked improvement. Initially six of eight seniors were at high risk of falling and by the end of the session, not one was at risk and all had shown a 14 per cent improvement.

In another test, which looked at how fast a senior could rise out of a chair, 11 per cent showed progress from initial testing.

Ninety-three-year-old George Wilkins said he noticed "quite a bit of improvement."

Last April, he came to the lodge in a wheelchair, after falling and breaking his pelvis and several ribs. Not a man to sit long, he followed a series of exercises designed by Bowman and eventually moved from chair to walker.

He had hoped the balance class would allow him to cast away walking aids all together.

"This was a good program. I certainly came a long ways, but I am not without this yet," he said, pointing to the walker a few feet in front of him.

He hopes that will change and uses balance exercises in his room each morning.

Virginia Meyer, manager of the fall prevention program with Alberta Health Services Calgary, said this rural program is good news and wishes more like it could be offered consistently across the Calgary zone.

"A lot of times a clinician will see a senior who's had a fall or two and knows the benefit of group exercise for balance and strengthening...but there are not enough places to refer seniors to," she said.

Meyer said too often seniors keep quiet about falls, thinking it will be seen as the last straw to living independently.

"It's unfortunate, but if we can get the message out there that falls are entirely preventable then they could do something about the risk," she said.

The province's health zones started creating fall prevention strategies like balance programs in 2003 for home care and acute facilities but eventually Alberta Health Services would like to develop a provincewide program.



Tamara Cunningham/Didsbury Review
Recreation therapist, Brandee Bowman gives Myra Underhay a lesson in balance. The new program at the lodge helps seniors prevent falls.

Didsbury child care program wins new spaces



Murray Elliott / Didsbury Review
Jolene Leutschaft, Program Coordinator, Town of Didsbury, accepts a \$12,000 cheque from Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills MLA Richard Marz. The funding will create 16 new spaces in Didsbury.

BY TAMARA CUNNINGHAM
Didsbury Review

Parents waiting for after school child care were knocked off the list in October when 16 new spaces came available.

Didsbury Out of School Care Association opened spots for parents on the wait list, after hearing the government was about to give them thousands in funding.

Supervisors received the \$12,000 cheque last week.

"The money goes towards tables and chairs, supplies, upgrades and anything else needed to create more space," said Jolene Leutschaft, program co-ordinator.

"All the parents on the wait list - about seven or eight - have their children in the program now."

For the last three years, creating room in child care for students has been a provincewide issue and government has committed itself to providing more child care.

In the Central region,

Alberta Child and Family Services Authority (CFSA) hopes to create 14,000 new licensed and approved spaces.

"We have been working with communities to address needs of families...and what we heard in Didsbury was there was a real shortage of out of school placements...to get 16 new spaces is really exciting," said Rhonda Coubrough, spokesperson for CFSA.

In Didsbury, the need for child care escalated this fall, when daycares announced they'd no longer take in school-aged children.

The government had created new regulations that would have centres employ one staff member for every 15 children in Grades 1 through 6 and one staff for every 10 children in early childhood programs.

The change would have those licensed to have students, employ additional staff and hold spots for children who used daycare in the mornings and afternoons. It didn't seem feasible for the owners of the two daycares.

Parents, who heard of the change in August, began turning to DOSCA for child care, but the

organization could only take in 24 students. The remaining went on a wait-list.

"This is ridiculous. I had to beg, plead and cry (to DOSCA) because they don't have any space left," said Elizabeth Shaw in August, who was scrambling to find care for her six-year-old son.

"All the parents on the wait-list - about seven or eight - have their children in the program now."

JOLENE LEUTSCHAFT
DOSCA coordinator

Since the funding announcement in October, the after school program at Ross Ford Elementary has stretched its space to hold 40 students. It's the most the program can accommodate unless it moves to another building.

There are no plans to move yet, Leutschaft said. "I think we have mostly met the need now...we now need to maintain those numbers."

CIR REALTY

CAN SWAP

COME TO OUR CIR OFFICE THIS CHRISTMAS

Bring A Non-Perishable Food Item As Simple As A Can Of Soup For The Food Bank And We Will Give You A FREE Can Of Tim Horton's Coffee (1 per household)

Ask us about a FREE HOME EVALUATION

The Olds Sandbox Ltd.
Children's Indoor Playground
Located next to the Wildlife Clinic at 5314C-46 St.

403-556-1122

Offering Drop Off Childcare, Birthday Party Space, Special Function Bookings and a fun Play Center for all ages 0-13 years.

www.theoldssandbox.com

Owned/Operated by Niki Brown/Donna Miras

Teenager ready to carry the flame

Didsbury torchbearers are beating the odds

BY TAMARA CUNNINGHAM
Didsbury Review

Didsbury may have beaten the odds after a third resident won the nationwide lottery to carry the Olympic torch.

"How did (Didsbury) do that? It's amazing!" said Katie Hammill, Royal Bank of Canada spokesperson for the 2010 Olympic Games.

"We chose one person randomly and Coca-Cola chose two randomly and they all ended up being from the same place. What odds."

The latest pick is 15-year-old Jessie Jewell, who had her name drawn by RBC two weeks ago. She's still

reeling with shock.

"When I got the e-mail I just started screaming and crying. I called my mom and told her. I thought I was going to faint," said the Grade 10 Didsbury High School student.

Jewell applied to be a torchbearer after seeing an RBC commercial about the opportunity. It sounded like a good way to be a part of the Olympic spirit, she said.

Though she never thought her name would be plucked from the thousands.

"This is a pretty big deal and it means the world to me to have been chosen," she said, adding it still feels a little surreal.

There are 12,000 torch-

bearers running in 300 metre stints across the country. Seven thousand candidates are chosen by games sponsor RBC, with remaining picks divided between Coca-Cola and VANOC, the Olympic organizing committee.

Jewell will be jogging Jan. 22 in Golden B.C., just days before her former Grade 1 teacher, Harley Dickinson, 60, carries the flame in Osoyoos, B.C.

"He wished me luck and told me to take my time...I just hope I don't trip and fall," she said, chuckling.

Didsbury High School principal, Garth Dagg, is thrilled one of his students is taking part in the epic cross-country relay.

Jewell will be the student



JESSIE JEWELL

body's connection to the 2010 Olympic Games.

"We were trying to figure out what to do to get the kids (interested) and here, we have our own student in the torch relay. It brings things down to a personal level," he said.



Carla Victor/Didsbury Review

THE PERFECT GIFT

Michael Strom, Jesse Bastarach and James Coates shop for friends and family at the White Elephant Christmas Sale at Ross Ford Elementary School, Friday. Students donate items for the sale so each class can shop for family and friends to help raise funds for the Christmas Helper program. This year's sale raised \$1,440.



DIDSBURY RAMBLERS WEEKEND SCORES DEC 11, 12, & 13

NOVICE 1

Didsbury 1 vs Chetumera 13

NOVICE 2

Didsbury 12 vs Brooks 1

Cochrane 4 vs Didsbury 5

ATOMS 1

Didsbury 3 vs Okotoks 7

Didsbury 4 vs Canmore 7

ATOMS 2

Drumheller 2 vs Didsbury 4

MIDGETS

Drumheller 1 vs Didsbury 2

2nd B Finals vs Olds

WEEKEND HOCKEY

SCHEDULE DEC 19 & 20

TYKES 2

Sun, Dec 20 Didsbury vs Olds 8:30 a.m.

NOVICE 1

Sat, Dec 19 Didsbury vs Airline (E) 12:30 p.m.

Away Dec 20 Olds vs Didsbury

NOVICE 2

Away Sat, Dec 19 Tilley vs Didsbury



myCommunity
Neighbours Indexed

Who do you know...

that is celebrating any of these special events?

- Birth of a child
- Wedding
- Special Anniversary, 25, 40, 50, 60, etc.

A special KEEPSAKE GIFT is available compliments of the following community-minded business and professional people:

Mountain View Publishing / Didsbury Review
Contemporary Graphics
AG Foods
Mountain View Credit Union
Front Porch Realty
Didsbury Value Drug Mart

Phone Linda Neufeld
403-335-4089

there's up to \$3,150 hidden in your walls



Find out how you can get up to \$3,150 for upgrading your insulation. It all starts with a home energy evaluation — and there's a rebate for that too.

For more rebates,
call 1-888-537-7202 or visit...



Climate Change Central.com

Government of Alberta



CINDY TIPPE
Associate



FLYERS ARE LOCATED IN THE GREEN BOX IN
FRONT OF THE OFFICE CONTAINING ALL LISTINGS
IN DIDSBURY. COME & TAKE A LOOK!



1518-14 Street, Didsbury
Impressive custom built 1400 sq ft bungalow with
4 bedrooms, 3 baths, 11' sculptured
ceilings, open floor plan, hardwood floors
and nicely landscaped yard. Basement
could be sold!
\$389,900



#3-705-23 Street, Didsbury
Well maintained condo with the best
yard in the complex. Lots of
improvements and at a GREAT PRICE!
\$129,900

EACH OFFICE INDEPENDENTLY OWNED AND OPERATED

335-3377 24 HOURS
556-5559 CELL

1906 - 20 Street, Didsbury

www.cindytippe.ca Also check out www.remax.ca for more great information.



Outstanding Agents.
Outstanding Results.

Christmas Night

"May the God of Hope fill you with all
the joy and peace in believing, so that
by the power of the Holy Spirit you
may abound in hope."

Romans 15:13

St. Anthony's
Christmas Eve Mass
8:00 pm.

Didsbury Memorial Complex

NURSES — HERE'S YOUR OPPORTUNITY!

The Linden Nursing Home, at Linden, Alberta
is now accepting applications for RN's and LPN's.

GREAT ENVIRONMENT IN A RURAL SETTING

Contact Gideon Berniko at 403-546-3966
or fax resume to 403-546-4061



DAN PETERS
403-335-6008

The
Peters Team



CHEZ PETERS
403-831-7940

HOW ABOUT A NEW HOME FOR CHRISTMAS?



17 Sierra Drive, Olds



1301 - 24 Street, Didsbury



2026 - 20 Avenue, Didsbury



61 Didsbury Mobile Home Park

IT'S NOT JUST A HOLIDAY.
IT'S CHRISTMAS! CELEBRATE!



Our flyer with all our
listings is delivered
to your mailbox and
available at local
service stations.

view ALL our listings at www.petersrealestate.ca

Opinion

Commentary

Municipal government is 'Big Government' on the Prairies

DAVID SEYMOUR

leaders meet each other and provincial governments might prompt the odd protest but municipal activities seldom make front page headlines.

That's all the more unfortunate considering how much municipal government is responsible for and the level of variation in their performances across Canada.

In 2008 the average Canadian municipality took in \$4,971 of revenue per household. It also managed \$18,228 worth of capital assets (mainly infrastructure like roads and sewers), backed by \$1,963 of long-term debt for each of those households, which each paid \$102 in interest charges. When put beside household balance sheets, these figures start to bring the economic significance of local government into perspective.

If you're in favour of bigger government, municipalities in the three Prairie provinces compare favourably to these national averages. The comparative figures for the average Prairie municipality are \$7,301 of revenue, \$25,121 of recorded capital assets, and \$3,613 of long-term debt serviced at an interest cost of \$173 per household.

Perhaps the biggest difference between Prairie municipalities and others is the quality of reporting that citizens can expect when it comes to finance and service performance. In my review of 75 municipalities across Canada, four out of the top 10 were from Alberta.

Saskatchewan municipalities report reasonably, notwithstanding the fact that their annual reports don't contain the value of their capital assets, putting them behind the first step towards first class capital asset management.

As with most governments, municipalities are a natural monopoly, where a single provider is generally the most efficient market structure. The implication is "consumers" — meaning the people who pay taxes and user fees and use roads, garbage collection, and recreational services — don't have the same level of choice in who provides these essential services as they would in a competitive market.

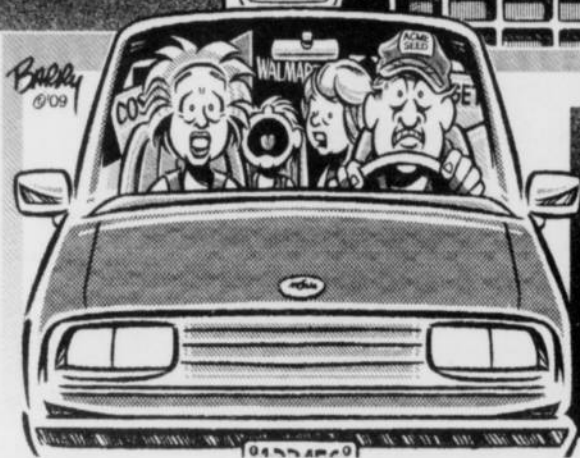
In the absence of real, competitive pressure, it is important that municipalities help residents understand what services are being provided and at what cost with numerical performance targets and actual performance achievements that are linked to areas of expenditure. For example, residents of Prince George can see that emergency services dispatch has a target of notifying the appropriate service within 60 seconds of receiving a call 90 per cent of the time. Comparisons with performance targets and prior years' performance are the best substitute that residents can have for the absent option of shopping somewhere else for their municipal services.

In competitive industries, competition forces all producers to reach a standard in order to remain viable. Alas, there is little competition in the municipal sector. The vast range of difference in performance and even the way that performance is reported on suggest that the natural monopoly status of municipalities has left considerable efficiency gains on the table.

Taken together, Canada's municipalities represent a roughly \$65 billion per year industry, or about one dollar in 20 of GDP. At five per cent of GDP, a 20 per cent increase in the productivity of municipal government would add a full percentage point to the national wealth. With these figures in mind, it might be time for some rioters elsewhere to focus their attention closer to home on city hall, and ask their municipality to follow the example set by most Western Canadian municipalities in 2008.

David Seymour is a Senior Policy Analyst at the Frontier Centre for Public Policy and author of the 2009 Local Government Performance Index

SO—WHO
DID THEIR
CHRISTMAS
SHOPPING
AT LOCAL
STORES?



AND WHO
SHOPPED
IN THE
BIG
CITY?

Letters to the editor

Highway upgrades fail to improve safety

As I scan the front page photo of the Dec. 1 issue of the Carstairs Courier, I am struck by several things. I extend my sincerest condolences to the family of the young man slain on the highway, an event that could have involved any of us who travel the highways. I also sympathize with the many stranded motorists involved in these chain reaction accidents who spent many stressful hours in terrible circumstances.

I applaud and am grateful for all the EMS, police, fire department and disaster services personnel who went out in horrid weather to be of assistance. As a normal citizen who travels the highways a lot, I wish to express my thanks for the

efforts of the many volunteers who assisted stranded motorists with food, shelter and comfort in a very trying situation.

I have lived here for 30 years. What I find most frustrating with this whole situation is remembering the weeks and weeks of tie-ups all along this very same piece of roadway all last summer. The highway was being "improved". I saw millions of dollars being spent. Huge machines carrying thousands of loads of clay and fill moved up and down the highway for months. Thousands of man-hours of labour were paid. At the end of all this work, we had almost the same looking highway but with lovely broader shoulders. We still have

the deep, big coulees that should have been filled in.

After spending millions of taxpayer dollars, what has improved? We still have the same results and the scenario repeats. The same car pileups that have plagued this stretch of highway for many, many winters will continue for many, many more years. But don't look for any further improvement in the future. After all, that road was all fixed up just last summer.

In my mind, the boys in charge of all these dollars for this improvement project have a lot of explaining to do.

Will Pacarynuk
Carstairs

Excited delirium not a cause of death

Does anyone else find the RCMP/police-created term "excited delirium" for cause of death, as ridiculous as I do?

We, the public, cannot accept this created phrase from our Taser trigger-happy men/women in blue.

What's next? "Yes, Your Honour I shot the victim several times but he actually died from loss of

blood. My actions certainly had little to do with his death, he must have been a hemophiliac or something." Or perhaps, "Sure, I stabbed the victim repeatedly, but he actually died from heart failure. He must have had an underlying heart condition, so how could my actions be accountable for his death?"

Repeated shocks of sev-

eral thousand volts (sometimes over and over again) is the foremost and primary reason our fellow Canadians continue to be killed by the people in society we appoint to "serve and protect."

Is there some sort of critical failure in the training of our police forces that these brave men and women feel the need to rely so quickly on such a

dangerous weapon when faced with persons in distress or conflict? Have our police given up on communication skills, de-escalation techniques and other non-lethal alternatives?

The medical community doesn't even accept "excited delirium" as a real term!

Jeff Leggat
Burnaby, B.C.

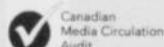
DIDSBURY REVIEW

Published weekly by:

Mountain View Publishing Inc.
Box 760, 2017 - 19 Ave., Didsbury, Alberta T0M 0W0
Phone: (403) 335-3301 Fax: (403) 335-8143

Editorial Content email: review@didsburygreatwest.ca
Advertising: dbrennan@olds.greatwest.ca
Classified Content: reception@olds.greatwest.ca
Website: www.didsburyreview.ca

Publisher: Murray Elliott
Advertising: Denise Brennan
Managing Editor: Lea Smaldon
Reporter/Editor: Tamara Cunningham



Protected by the Canadian Copyright Act.
No material appearing in this publication may be copied or reproduced without the express written consent of the publisher. Failure to obtain such consent may result in legal action without further notice.
Publications Mail Registration No. 07899

How can we help you?

Letters to the editor: Letters submitted for publication must be signed and bear the address, phone number and e-mail address of the writer. Please keep your letter to 500 words or less. Letters may be edited for grammar, punctuation, spelling, length and libel. Unsigned letters will NOT be published. Use of pseudonyms will be permitted only under special circumstances, provided the writer's identity is known to The Review.

News and photos: If you have a news item or a photo opportunity you feel may be of interest to readers, please call 335-3301.

Display and classified advertising: Please call 335-3301 and we will be happy to help you place your advertisement. Classified advertising deadline: Friday 12 noon. Display advertising copy deadline: Thursday 5 pm.

Do you have a concern or complaint about a newspaper article or ad?

This newspaper is a sponsoring member of the Alberta Press Council. As a non-judicial, non-governmental review board made up of public and press members, the council considers complaints filed within nine months of publication from the public about the conduct and performance of its member newspapers. If, after bringing your concerns to the attention of the paper, you are not satisfied, you may contact the Alberta Press Council in writing at:

Alberta Press Council
Box 21067, Edmonton, Alberta T6R 2V4
Phone: 1.403.526.8755
email: abpress@telus.net



www.didsbury.ca

Open: 8:30 am to 4:30 pm — Monday to Friday

Town Administration Office: 2037 - 19 Avenue • Phone: 403-335-3391 • Fax: 403-335-9794

DEPARTMENT PHONE NUMBERS:

Administration	403-335-3391
Public Works: 7:30 am to 4:00 pm	403-335-8343
Planning & Infrastructure	403-335-3391
Didsbury Neighborhood Place	403-335-8719
Didsbury Information Line	403-335-2030
Community Services & FCSS	403-335-8719
Didsbury Landfill	403-335-2005
Memorial Complex & Aquatic Centre	403-335-7369
Rosebud Valley Campground	403-335-8578
Chamber of Commerce Office	403-335-3265
Library	403-335-3142

PUBLIC MEETINGS & NOTICES

REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING:

Tuesday, December 22, 2009 at 7:00 pm in Council Chambers

MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION:

Wednesday, December 16, 2009 at 4:30 pm in Council Chambers

Wednesday, January 20, 2009 at 4:30 pm in Council Chambers

The Town Office will be closed the second Friday of every month from Noon to 1:00 pm (next date: January 8, 2009)



DIDSBURY NEIGHBORHOOD PLACE



COMING IN JANUARY 2010

FULL DAY MONDAY, Jan. 4, 2010

FULL DAY TUESDAY, Jan. 5, 2010

No school on these days, so don't forget to sign up your children for DOSCA "full days of fun"!

• **SPORTS FOR SHORTS**

• **BUSY BUDDIES**

• **TODDLER GYM TIME**

• **THE BIG COOK**

• **YOUNG CHEFS**

• **GO GIRL**

• **BABYSITTING COURSE**

• **MOTHERS UNITE SALE**

COMING IN FEBRUARY 2010

• **STANDARD FIRST AID & CPR**

• **DIGITAL CAMERA: BASICS & BEYOND**

• **WEE SIGN**

For more info or to register, call DNP at 403-335-8719

TOWN OF DIDSBURY CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Administration Office, Planning & Infrastructure & Public Works

December 23 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

December 24 CLOSED

December 25 CLOSED

December 28-30 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

December 31 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

January 1 CLOSED

Didsbury Neighborhood Place

CLOSED December 23 to January 3, 2009

Didsbury Aquatic Centre & Arena

FRONT DESK (program registration, rentals & information)

December 21-24 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

December 28-31 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

POOL CLOSED December 17, 2009 to January 2, 2010

Check out the full schedule on the website: www.didsbury.ca

The Town of Didsbury Mayor, Council and Staff wish you all a safe and happy Christmas Season.



Christmas Ice Arena Schedule

December 21 - January 3

	Dec. 21	Dec. 22	Dec. 23	Dec. 24	Dec. 25	Dec. 26	Dec. 27
Main Ice	Shinny 12-2	Shinny 12-2	Shinny 12-2	FREE Shinny 12-2	Closed	Closed	Shinny 12-2
Leisure Ice			Public Skate 12-4		Closed	Closed	Public 12-44

	Dec. 28	Dec. 29	Dec. 30	Dec. 31	Jan. 1	Jan. 2	Jan. 3
Main Ice	Shinny 12-2	Shinny 12-2	Shinny 12-2	FREE Shinny 12-2	Closed		
			Public 2-4	Public 2-4			
Leisure Ice	Public 12-4	Public 12-4 7:45-9:00		Public Skate 12-4 7:45-9:00	Closed	Public 12:30-4pm	Public 12:30-4pm Family/Youth Shinny 4-5

Admission/ Rental Rates

Main Ice Rentals:	\$100/ Hour
Leisure Ice Rentals	\$40/ Hour
Shinny	\$5 Adult \$3 Student
Public Skate	\$3 Adult \$2 Student

UNPAID PROPERTY TAXES???

**TAXES NEED TO BE PAID BY
DECEMBER 31, 2009**

Any outstanding balances will have an 18% PENALTY Applied on JANUARY 2, 2010.



Bylaw Corner - Snow Removal

After a great November, like it or not, the snow and the cold are here. With the snow of course comes the shoveling. I need to remind everyone that the bylaw requires you to shovel the snow on the side walks adjacent to your homes within 24 hours. Those of you with corner lots are responsible for the sidewalks on either side of your lots. Also when shoveling it is important not to shovel the snow out onto the street, place the excess snow on your lawn or boulevard. If you are clearing an area of the street in front of your home you cannot pile the snow anywhere on the street. You must pile it off the street or the sidewalk.

Under the snow removal bylaw there are two offences:

1. Failing to remove snow from the sidewalk adjacent to your lot within 24 hours of the last snowfall.
2. Piling snow on the sidewalk or street.

Please dress warm and watch the ice. If you are a senior and are not able to shovel your own snow, please make arrangements to have it removed. Didsbury Seniors Support Services at 403-335-4391 may be able to assist you in finding a suitable solution.

Peace Officer D. Sutherland



DIDSBURY RECREATION PRESENTS

THE AQUATIC CENTRE

CHRISTMAS PASS PROMOTION

RUNNING DECEMBER 1 TO DECEMBER 17, 2009

10-PASS

PURCHASE ANY 10-PASS AND RECEIVE A ONE TIME FREE ADMISSION COUPON.

6 OR 12 MONTH PASS

PURCHASE A 6 OR 12 MONTH PASS AS A GIFT FOR FAMILY OR FRIENDS AND RECEIVE A FREE 10-PASS FOR YOURSELF.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE SEE THE CUSTOMER SERVICE STAFF AT THE POOL FRONT DESK.
403-335-7369**



Family gears up for sled race circuit

BY TAMARA CUNNINGHAM
Didsbury Review

Twelve dogs hitched to the sled line were bucking and barking wildly, eager to take off on the hard-packed trail. The only thing keeping the sled steady while musher Rick Wannamaker climbed into position was a cord attached to his truck - and the truck was trembling under the dogs' pulling power.

When he loosed the line the canines were off, running hard out of the holding yard into 150 acres of snow-covered prairie farm.

And the farther the sled was carried, the more silent the afternoon air became. The only sounds were the soft pounding of paws against snow and the gentle commands of Wannamaker as he led his dogs for miles into the country.

It was the first time in weeks that Wannamaker, a two-time Canadian Challenge champion, was able to take his dogs on a run. The blizzard that ravaged Didsbury two weeks ago, covered his outdoor dog kennel. He and his family spent days digging the canines out.

"We spent 30 hours shovelling where we should have been training with dogs... we are behind," he said.

With 26 new dogs learning the ropes and less training time, Wannamaker isn't sure how well he will compete this year. It will be a challenge, he said.

He has eight remaining veterans in the kennels after selling three last season that had become too old to race - or so he'd thought.

The new owner took the canines to the Iditarod, the ultimate distance race through the Alaskan wild.

"We weren't ready to do a challenge like that but our dogs had the opportunity to go...and they did wonderfully," Wannamaker said.

The team didn't make it to the finish line, however. They quit 80 miles before the end because the musher's dogs had become too skinny.

"Taking care of your dogs is one of the most important things. We don't use whips or spurs...the dogs run because they want to, so you have to keep them happy," he said.

"And these dogs weren't happy. He had to stop."

The Wannamaker family has been training dogs and racing sleds since 1994, when Rick suggested the sport as a way to spend time as a family.

"At first they thought I was nuts," he said of his wife and two daughters.

Though they weren't skeptics for long.

The family bought their first four dogs and trained with mushers in Water Valley; 15 years later they are still at the winter sport.

Dena, Wannamaker's wife, said the sport requires a lot of work but it also helps the family unwind after a day of work. It's just them and the dogs and the dogs demand all of their attention.



Photos by Tamara Cunningham / Didsbury Review

ON TRACK - Musher, Dena Wannamaker tests out the Rosebud Run track with her sled dogs.

Unlike her husband, Dena prefers sprint races like the Bootleg Sled Dog Race in Kimberley, B.C., where she usually finishes in the top three.

But this year she will go the distance. The duo has registered to do the Seeley Race 200 together in Montana, Jan 15. It will be her first 200-mile adventure.

"I don't know about this," she said of the race.

"I kind of find the longer races boring and...I am not a big fan of sleep deprivation," she said.

The race is about as tough as the 400 mile Canadian Challenge, Rick added. Mushers usually have help packing gear but this jaunt is unassisted.

The duo and their daughter, Rachel, also plan to attend Flathead Sled Dog Days in Whitefish, Montana Jan 9 and 10 and could go to either the Canadian Challenge or the Race to the Sky.

It depends on how much training the Wannamakers are able to get in with their dogs.

But no matter what the condition of their canines - or how many races they register for - the family will make time to compete in the annual Rosebud Run Sled Dog Classic in Didsbury, January 30 and 31.

"It's amazing that there is a race here...there are not too many in Alberta anymore," Dena said.



New Rosebud event goes to the dogs

BY TAMARA CUNNINGHAM
Didsbury Review

December's early snowfall will help launch a new dog-sporting event this January, leading up to the Rosebud Run Sled Dog Classic.

The first annual Rosebud Run Mush Rush is a mesh of canine powered sports with races in dog sledding, skijoring and cross-country skiing.

It'll be featured January 2.

"This is more of a local event to get people excited about the big race," said Bill Windsor, president of the Rosebud Run Sled Dog Classic board.

Organizers hope the laid-back affair draws in experienced and amateur mushers, who want to give their dogs experience in a race situation.

It will fall on the start of

the race circuit, so dogs will be trained but will not have experience racing this season. The mush rush is an opportunity to put them in a competitive situation.

"It's a just-for-fun event so it doesn't matter how well (the dogs) do," Windsor said.

He said the two-heat event, which starts at 9 a.m., should extend the use of the trail. It's been packed and ready since late last week.

Rochelle Byiers was out Friday morning testing out the track with her two dogs and said although the snow is deep in spots the trail was a good run. She is looking forward to using it for the mush rush.

"I think it's great that they are doing this second event...its just for fun and anyone can go," she said.

"I am not sure people realize how lucky we are to have

something like this here."

This is the first year Byiers is participating in dog-powered sport events, including the Rosebud Sled Dog Classic January 30 and 31.

Her son left his racing dogs at home when he left for college, so she's picked up skijoring and sledding. Rick Wannamaker has been her mentor.

"I am a novice so I know I won't win, but I want to try

it," she said.

The longer race at the end of January is expected to draw at least 200 spectators and anywhere from 30 to 50 mushers from across the continent.

It is the only Albertan sled dog race with a prize purse - about \$5,600 for six classes - and has gained some notoriety among sprint mushers.

"This is THE event in Alberta and it's hosted right here in Didsbury," Windsor said.

"And it's great for spectators. Most racers you see the dogs go into the bush and then don't see them again until they come out to the finish line. At the staging area here you can see the whole six miles."

The Rosebud Sled Dog Classic has broken away from the Chamber of Commerce for its fifth annual race, so it can explore more activities than what they could do under the original policies.

"We want to do clinics and adopt a charity to give our proceeds to and we couldn't do that when we were with the chamber," Windsor said.

"People will be seeing more events from this point on, beginning with the mush rush."

**Industrial Shop
Bays For Lease
in Didsbury**
Bays are 1300 - 2000 sq. ft. with
roll-up doors, mezzanine and
office area. Rent starting at
\$1250/month plus DD.
Call 403-556-4905
for more information.

**Share in the
Christmas Spirit!**
Bring in an unwrapped Christmas
Gift for a young girl or boy
Receive 10% OFF
Custom Framing &
Ready Made Frames
Happy Holidays & Thank You To All

GALLERY
CUSTOM FRAMING
AND FINE ART
#106-2034 • 19th Avenue, Didsbury • 335-8735

Community Resources

This is a free community event listing service, sponsored by area businesses, provided to non-profit organizations or local community groups. Listing is free to any non-profit organization or community group in the

Didsbury Review distribution area. While every effort will be made to ensure each request for publication is granted, the Didsbury Review does NOT GUARANTEE publication for a variety of reasons including space

constraints. To try and accommodate as many requests as possible, please keep submissions to 20 words or less. Please have your submissions in at least two weeks prior to the date of the event you are publicizing.

CITIZENS ON PATROL

Didsbury/Carstairs. Driving in a neighbourhood near you. To volunteer call 403-335-8755.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE - Membership meetings are the 2nd Wed. in June, September, November, and January. For more info please call 403-335-3265.

DIDSBURY TOPS Take Off Pounds Sensibly! Come and join us every Wednesday evening. For more info call Judy Courts at 403-335-2212 or Rosemary 403-335-2835.

BEAVERS Tues. 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. at Eldon Foote Hall. Kids 5 to 7 years old, boys and girls welcome.

TIME OUT Child & Youth Clubs of Didsbury's Mom's Time Out and Dads Too program. At Didsbury Neighbourhood Place, Mondays 10-11:30 a.m. Call 403-335-4270.

KING HIRAM LODGE #21 has its regular meetings at 8 p.m. every 2nd Tuesday of the month.

ST. HILDA CHAPTER #27 O.E.S. Has its regular meetings at 7:30 p.m. every 3rd Tuesday of the month. For info, call Marg Stecker at 403-335-4281.

DIDSBURY SENIOR SUPPORT SERVICES Co-ordinates assistance for seniors. Call 403-335-4391.

DIDSBURY SHUTTLE BUS Scheduled transportation for anyone on Monday, Wednesdays & Fridays 9 - 3. Please call day prior or by 8:00 a.m. for pick up. 403-507-0208. Wheelchair accessible. Sponsored by the Didsbury Lions Club.

DIDSBURY ELKS LODGE Supper Meeting - 4th Thursdays, Regular Meeting - 2nd and 4th Thursdays each month. Call 403-4676 for info.

LEARNING DISABILITIES MTN View Chapter. Support and info for parents and teachers dealing with learning disabilities. For info call Susan at 403-335-3174.

DIDSBURY MENTAL HEALTH CLINIC - Provides free accessible mental health services. Which incl. assessments, individual family & group counselling & crisis intervention. Mon. - Fri. 8:30-4:00.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS Meetings Fridays 8:30 p.m. at the Masonic Hall, Didsbury, 21 Ave. and 21 St. For information call Colleen at 403-335-8484 or Rick at 403-335-9525.

HALL RENTALS: Rosebud Hall rentals. Call 403-335-9945 or 403-335-4566.

RUGBY HALL RENTALS CALL Della @ 403-335-8767, for meetings, family events or reunions.

• 5-0 Club Hall Rentals. For hall rentals

&/or info regarding the hall please call Joyce Gee 403-335-2861. • To Rent **Didsbury Elks Hall**. Call Jim Wadel 403-335-3461. • To Rent **St. Cyprian's Anglican Church Hall**, contact Myrna Watt 403-335-3745. • To Rent the **Lone Pine Hall**, which is located east of Didsbury, contact Jo-Anne Hannah at 403-335-4190. • To Rent **Mountain View Community Hall** for meetings, community events, family or group reunions call John 403-335-8860. • The **Fallen Timber Community Hall** offers an ideal place for quiet safety meetings or fabulous social activities. Please contact Esther McMullen for info at 403-337-2270.

SPEND ONE HOUR A WEEK WITH A CHILD AT SCHOOL. Have fun together - play games, shoot some hoops, draw, read or do crafts. Mentoring works! Call Mountain View Mentoring at 403-586-0110. Volunteers needed in Carstairs, Cremona, Didsbury, Olds & Sundre. Big Brothers Big Sisters of Innisfail.

DIDSBURY LIFELINE Emergency Response System - Shirley 403-335-3787, Don 403-335-4676.

MOUNTAIN VIEW CHORALERS invite you to sing with us 7 p.m. Mondays at the 5-0 club, 2500 15 Ave. 36th

DIDSBURY ROYAL PURPLE #317 Regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. 2nd Wednesday of each month. For info call Irene Collinge 403-335-4589.

ALANON: For family and friends of alcoholics. Alice 403-556-5911, Reg 403-337-3762.

DIDSBURY AND AREA SUPPORT GROUP For friends and families of people with Alzheimer's Disease and other forms of dementia. Join us the last Monday of each month, 7-9 p.m. Aspen Ridge Lodge, 1100 - 20 Ave., Didsbury. 403-335-9848, Dolina Watson, 403-335-7285.

DIDSBURY & DISTRICT HEALTH SERVICES AUXIL-

IARY monthly meeting on the first Tuesday of each month at 2:00 p.m. in Unit 4 at the hospital.

OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS 12-Step group for Compulsive Overeaters meets on Thursdays at 7 pm at St. Francis of Assisi Anglican church, 130 Albert St. Airdrie. For more information call Deb at 403-948-0563 or Frankie at 403-335-3633.

3025 RCACC Didsbury Army Cadets Youth 12-18 Monday 6:30 - 9:30. Downstairs Victoria Square Mall 403-559-8801.

ADULT



DELI DAILY LUNCH SPECIALS

Lunch Combos \$4.99
11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

COMBO #1
2 pieces of chicken, wedges and 4 oz. salad

COMBO #2
Chicken strips, wedges and dipping sauce

COMBO #3
Chicken wings and wedges

COMBO #4
Large soup and half sandwich

**Excludes weekends & holidays*

HALL WALKING at Westglen School from 6:30pm to 7:30pm from Monday to Friday. Please wear clean dry shoes. For more information call Cindy at 403-335-9437.

DIDSBURY MUSEUM OPEN 10 a.m. - 12 noon and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Tues and Wed. Sat. 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. By appointment. Call 403-335-0003 or Shirley 403-335-3277.

DIDSBURY & DISTRICT Community bus. Call Jan to book your trip. 403-335-3052. Competent drivers.

DIDSBURY YOUTH JUSTICE COMMITTEE'S meetings are held the first Monday of each month. All persons interested in volunteering and helping to work with the youth in our community are encouraged to come. For location and time please call 403-335-1975.

MIDWAY COMMUNITY WALKERS Midway School will be open to anyone that would like to walk inside for exercise without the winter elements. Open every school day 7:30-8:30am. For more info call 403-337-2888.

PARENT LINK CENTER Drop in play. FREE Playtime for Parents and Preschoolers (newborn to 6 yrs). Morning, afternoon and evening playtimes available at Didsbury Neighbourhood Place, bay 2, 2030 17 Ave. Contact Linda 403-586-5466.

IF YOU LIKE TO QUILT or would like to learn to quilt, come join us at the church of God 1st & 3rd Sunday, 1 - 4 or 7 - 9:30 m. For more info call 403-337-8686 leave message. Everyone welcome.

ADULT DROP IN @ Didsbury Neighbourhood Place from 9:30 to 11:00 on the 1st & 3rd Thursday of the month. A great opportunity to meet other new parents.

DIDSBURY ELKS LODGE supper meetings every 2nd and 4th Thursdays. Supper at 7:00 p.m. meeting at 8:00 p.m. Call 403-335-4655.

SUPPER INVITATION - The Didsbury Lions Club welcomes men & lady visitors at their supper meetings on the first and third Thursdays of each month, 6:45 p.m. at the 5-0 Centre. For information and to RSVP call 403-335-9173 or 403-335-4796.

DIDSBURY NEIGHBOURHOOD PLACE is a resource centre for the down, we provide information and referral services, community programming, FCSS, resource lending library and meeting space available for rent. Please call 403-335-8719.

GIRL GUIDES OF CANADA - For fun friendship and adventure for girls and women of all ages! Join anytime. Leaders are needed for all units, no experience necessary. Ages: Sparks 5/6, Brownies 7/8, Guides 9 - 11, Pathfinders 12 - 14, rangers 15 & up. Call Karen 403-556-6881 for more info.

FRIDAYS - Cribbage starts at 5-0 Club at 7:00 pm.

ARC SENIOR RV'ERS CLUB - is looking for new members. No weekend camping. For more information contact Jim 403-289-8365 or Mary 403-932-5711.

STORYTIME - September 17 - December 17, Thursday mornings at 10:30 - 11:00 a.m. Just right for preschoolers - NO FEE! Register at library 403-335-3142.

MIDWAY SCHOOL - We would like to welcome you to the midway community. We hope to provide you with some local treasures and information about midway. Contact Janiya @ 403-335-8862.

ROSEBUD HALL UPCOMING EVENTS Dec 13 Free Family Swim & potluck supper 1-3pm. Dec 22 Family Games night 7pm. Open to all Didsbury & area residents.

THE ROPES & RIENS 4-H CLUB will be selling Christmas trees at Olds Co-op from Nov. 28 - Dec. 20.

CANADIAN BLOOD SERVICE Blood Donations will be held at Olds College Alumni Centre Mon. Feb. 1, 2010, 2:00 pm to 7:00 pm.

ROSEBUD HALL - December 22 Games Night 7 p.m., January 5 Games Night 7 p.m.

FREE COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS DINNER on December 25, 2009 at Didsbury Elks Hall, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. No gifts. Please bring donation for Food Bank. For more info 403-335-8299.

Church Directory

The REVIEW is pleased to provide this Church Directory as a community service

Anglican Church of Canada

St. Cyprian's

2037 - 24th Ave. Didsbury - 335-4664
Rector - Bev Bonnie S. Luft
Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.
Sunday School at 10:30 a.m.
Mid-week morning prayer service every third Wednesday 9:30 a.m.
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service is at 7pm
There will be no Christmas day services
Reg. service will resume at 10:30am on Sun. Dec 27

Knox United Didsbury

1406 - 19th Avenue
Minister Nancy Nourse
Please join our church family for worship, 10 a.m. each Sunday.
Nursery Care available for infants and toddlers.
Sunday school provided for ages 3-17.
For information about mid-week programming for children, youth and adults please call 335-8373 or see our website at www.knox-united.com.

West Zion Mennonite Church

South of Didsbury to sign - West 1.5 miles
Pastor Trevor Kriksa, info - 337-2020
Worship Service - 10:30 a.m.
Nursery available during service.
EVERYONE WELCOME!

Bergthal Mennonite Church

Didsbury, Alberta
5km S of the Didsbury Overpass,
8km E on Bergthal Rd.
Sunday School - 10:00 a.m.
Worship Service Starts - 11:00 a.m.
Pastor: Mike Nimz
For more information ph. - 335-4451

Redeemer Lutheran

LUTHERAN CHURCH CANADA
1500 - 23 ST. • Rev. Robert Mohs
Church: 335-3161 / Res: 335-3656
Sunday School - 9:30 a.m. • Worship - 10:30 a.m.
Adult Bible Study Sunday - 9:30 a.m.
Holy Communion 1 & 3 Sunday 10:30 a.m.
Jr. & Sr. Youth, Women's & Seniors' Ministry Group
Small Group Bible Study meetings throughout the week

Mountain View Evangelical Missionary Church

14 km East of Didsbury Pastor Art Numan
Office: 335-4422
Morning Worship 11 a.m. • Sunday School 10 a.m.
For information concerning the weekly activities please call the Church Office.

St. Anthony's Catholic

2030 - 24 Ave. Didsbury
For more information please contact
Claude Baril - 335-3842
Catholic Women's League:
Wendy MacKenzie 335-8507
Knights of Columbus: Gary McNeil - 335-8611

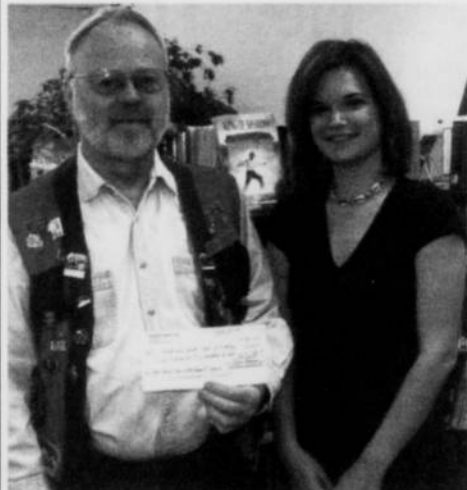
Chinook Winds Christian Centre

1710 - 14th Street Didsbury
SUNDAY CELEBRATION - 10 a.m.
Prophetic Worship and Bible Teaching for all ages
• Nursery Services •
Ph/Fax - 335-3551 • Email - cwcc@atnet.com
Pastoral Team Richard & Beth Kope
SEE YOU AT THE CENTRE!

Zion Evangelical Missionary Church

Corner Hwy. 582 & 20th Ave.
Phone: 403-335-3629 Web: www.zemc.org
Mike Morgan, Senior Pastor • John Reimer, Assoc. Pastor (Life Groups & Worship) • Colin Creighton, Assoc. Pastor (Global Connections & Youth)
• Alison LeFebvre, Director of Youth Ministries
• Christine Little, Child Ministries Director
Sunday Service at 10:45 am
with separate programs for children up to Grade 6

A Lion's share



Tamara Cunningham / Didsbury Review
Al Gingrich gives the After School Program \$2,600 to cover its operating costs. The program mentors school children and helps with homework. Pictured with Gingrich is Lee-Anne Akister, president of Child and Youth Clubs of Didsbury.

SEE YOU IN CHURCH THIS SUNDAY

Shop Our
Festive Super Saver Booklet

DIDSBURY AG FOODS

HOURS: Mon - Fri 8 am - 9 pm Sat, Sun & Holidays 8 am - 6 pm
Sunday, December 6 to Saturday, December 12 403-335-9595

 <p>VIRGINIA SMOKED HAM Boneless, 2 kg</p> <p>\$9.98 ea.</p>	 <p>FRESH CARROTS Canadian Grown, Canada #1 5 lb. bag</p> <p>2 for \$5</p>	 <p>OCEAN SPRAY CRANBERRY COCKTAIL Juicy Cranberries, 500 ml. 100% Juice</p> <p>\$6.98 ea.</p>	 <p>DELI HONEY HAM</p> <p>\$1.48 100 g</p>	 <p>DINNER ROLLS White & Whole Wheat 16 Pack</p> <p>\$1.98 ea.</p>
--	---	---	--	---

We have the right to limit quantities

Dragon teams take second in tournament

BY TAMARA CUNNINGHAM
Didsbury Review

The Didsbury Dragons senior girls and boys came away from last weekend's tournaments with second place finishes.

During the Friday and Saturday games, the boys overwhelmed Bears paw Christian School with a 99-28 score and squeezed out a win over rivals Hugh Sutherland of Carstairs with a 67-62 win.

The Dragons lost Saturday against St. Joseph's Collegiate of Brooks, 105-67, to slide into second place.

"(St. Joseph's) was a really good team ... I would hope by zones we'll have another crack at them ... and close the gap," said Dragons coach Jeff Johnson.

This is the first tournament of the season and it revealed to Johnson where his team needs to be by season's end.

"We are still a rookie team so we need to gain experience in decision-making and that will come as we progress," he said.

In the tournament, post Mark Dueck cleaned the boards, while point guards Nolan McInnis, Keifer Paulgaard and forward James Lefebvre racked up the points.

Forward Craig Drever also played solid defence.

The girls also played a good game in the weekend tournament. They lost by 25 points to St. Joseph's Collegiate but picked up the game against Spruce View School for second place.

"The team needed two points to tie and three points to win and with two seconds on the clock, Mackenzie Code scored three points," Johnson said.

"The girls did pretty good."

The senior teams will be facing Innisfail tomorrow in the first league game of the season. The girls match is at 5:30 p.m. and the boys at 7 p.m.

Colts secure weekend wins

BY TAMARA CUNNINGHAM
Didsbury Review

The Mountainview Colts hope last weekend's triumphs are the start of a winning streak and a precursor to the playoffs.

"We are feeling pretty good right now. We won our game for a two-win weekend," said defenseman Matt Richardson, after beating the Cochrane Generals, Sunday, 4-1.

In the game played at the Didsbury Memorial Complex, the Colts came at the Generals hard, with Richardson and centre Jason Edwards scoring in the first period.

The home team kept the game in their opponent's end to maintain the 2-0 lead into the second period, where J.R. DeFoe netted a third goal for the Colts.

The Generals, cut the deficit to two goals with a third period goal - although less than a minute later forward Kelly Kohut scored for a 4-1 win.

"I stole it away from a couple of (Generals) at the blue line and it was pretty much a breakaway from there on," Kohut said.

"I pulled a move I used to do when I played midget."

This is the team's first win against the defending league champions this season. In October, the Colts lost to the Generals 4-2 and tied with the team 2-2 last month.

"They underestimated us this game. We got the pucks deep and used our bodies to follow through on checks," Richardson said. "And our team is set



Colts forward Pat Turville bats the puck back to goalie, Jason Amason.

Tamara Cunningham / Didsbury Review

on the line. We know who we're playing with out there and that is the key to winning."

This win comes after a 6-3 triumph against the Banff Academy Bears Saturday, where Devon Dell made 36 saves in a winning effort.

With a weekend of success, the team is sitting at 5-12-3 and just five points behind the Generals in the central division rankings.

If the team continues on a winning streak - as players hope it may - the Colts could be sitting third in the central division come the new year.

The team will look to continue their winning ways this weekend with a pair of home games. Saturday they play bitter division rivals the Three Hills Thrashers with an 8 p.m. start time.

On Sunday they're back at it with

their final game before the Christmas break when they host the south division leading Okotoks Bison who head into this week with a 16-1-1 record. Game time is 3:30 p.m. at the Memorial Complex.

Colts Notes: Friday night in High River, the Colts were on the short end of a 6-1 decision to the High River Flyers. Jason Edwards scored the lone Colts' goal. Jason Amason made 26 saves in a losing effort. In Saturday's game, the Colts bounced back with a 6-3 win against the Banff Academy Bears. Taylor Olsen and Kody Wickham scored in the first period... Cody Issler netted a point in the second period, while Matt Richardson, J.R. DeFoe and Gary Lyczewski brought the Colts their first weekend win.

Didsbury Elks New Year's Eve Party

Didsbury Elks Hall
Dec. 31, 2009

Doors open at 5:30 pm

Dinner at 7:00 pm

Dance at 9:00 pm

Music by
Gypsy and The Rose
Midnight Lunch
Party Favors
Door Prizes

Tickets \$50.00/person

\$100.00/couple

Advance tickets only

Call Shelley

403-335-9213

Irene

403-335-4589

ROYAL LEPAGE

Wildrose Real Estate

INDEPENDENTLY OWNED AND OPERATED

#10 2014 17th Avenue
Didsbury

Phone: 403-335-9778

1-877-335-9778

Fax: 403-335-9340



**LEGACY VILLAGE
45+ CONDO**
Handicapped accessibility
Two On-site visitor suites.
MLS #C3397545
\$199,000



**VERY QUIET
AND PRIVATE**
No building timelines -
5 acres West of Didsbury.
MLS #C3395500
\$185,000



1.88 ACRES
In town limits backs on Golf
Course. Immaculate 1992
bungalow & workshop, storage
shed. Lovely grounds.
MLS #C3391384
\$499,000



**PRIVATE
SECLUDED AREA**
Lovely 9.88 acreage with 1120 SF
home, gourmet 40'x60' workshop,
hip roof barn & double garage.
MLS #C3389968
\$455,000



REDUCED
138 ACRES
Beautifully renovated 1500 sq ft
bungalow. Triple car garage -
40x120 mach shed
Trees - pasture - fenced
Lots of water - gas riv.
MLS #C3382315
\$775,000



SOLID OLDER HOME
Solid older home looking for a
face-lift. New shingles will be
installed. Carefully lived-in for 30
some years. Large lot has room
for garage or shop.
MLS #C3400772
\$154,000



**4 bedroom country home on
1,060 acres overlooking
Doggpound Creek. Attached
3 car garage. 820 sf suite
above garage provides
\$475.00 monthly revenue.**
MLS #C3399267
\$599,900



DELIGHTFUL CONDO
Close to the town of Didsbury
Renovated throughout, fully
developed. 3 bed, 1.5 bath,
fenced courtyard, shows 10/10
MLS #C33402538
\$179,900



GORGEOUS
6 bdrm walkout bungalow on 2
acres close to Didsbury. Has had
lots of upgrades. Large heated
shop 30' x 40'.
MLS #C3396870
\$619,000



REDUCED
Beautiful location. Crossed and
Cross-Fenced. 2 barns, 2 wells
1 Mile NW of Bearberry
4 Bedroom home
Priced to sell quickly
MLS #C3387482
\$579,000



**MOBILE
TO BE MOVED**
3 bdrms, 2 baths, open floor plan,
Larger addition. Vendor motivated.
MLS #C3385780
\$32,000



7.2 ACRES + 4 ACRES LEASED
Charming bungalow, 5 bdrms,
5 bedrooms, 1 1/2 bath, 2 Queens,
older hip barn, dirt garage, 4 box
stalls like new, padlocks &
waterers. Motivated for quick sale.
MLS #C3393180
\$525,000



Mel
Dick
403.540.0277



Sarah
Konschuh
403.556.9219



Mel
Crothers
403.556.5267


Need A
WATER WELL
 BUT ARE SHORT OF CASH?
SPECIAL DISCOUNT PACKAGE
SAVE UP TO \$5000 (MAX)
 NO DOWN PAYMENT - 10 year time payment plan
 (O.A.C.)
CHECK STATUS OF NEW
GOVERNMENT GRANT
 Phone Toll Free **1-800-BIG-IRON**
BIG IRON
Drilling Ltd.
 P.S. - We also drill for people who aren't short of cash!


Early Deadlines
 Ad booking schedule for the Holidays
 we are closed December 25, 2009 & January 1, 2010
Mountain View Gazette
 & **Carstairs Courier**
 Deadline for the December 29 paper
 is the same as usual. Ads must be booked by
 Wednesday, December 16, 2009.
 Ad copy must be in by noon December 17, 2009.
 Deadline for the January 5, 2010.
 Ads must be booked by Tuesday, December 22, 2009.
 Ad copy to be in by Wednesday, December 23, 2009.
Olds Albertan
 & **Didsbury Review**
 Deadline for the December 29
 paper is the same as usual. Ads must be booked and ad copy in
 by Wednesday, December 23, 2009.
 Deadline for the January 5, 2010.
 Ads must be booked and ad copy in
 by Wednesday, December 30, 2009.

CLASSIFIED
BREAKTHROUGHS
 Whatever you're looking for,
 you'll find it in the
 classifieds. That's because
 thousands of readers like you
 know that the classifieds are
 the most effective way to
 reach interested prospects
 without spending a lot of
 cash. So whether you've been
 looking high and low for a
 great deal or hither and yon
 for a serious buyer, make a
 breakthrough in the
 classifieds.
TO PLACE A
CLASSIFIED AD, CALL
REVIEW
335-3301

SERVICE DIRECTORY

Construction
D&R
INDUSTRIES
 • Renovations • Flooring • Drywall • Carpentry •
 • Decks • Fences • Basement Development •
 • Window Replacement • Welding •
Russell Moench
 Box 472
 Cell: 403-438-0223 Didsbury, AB T0M 0W0

Bobcat Service
Arron's Bobcat Services

 "The Didsbury Digger"
 Over 16 yrs Experience
 Excavating, Post Holes, Rubbish Removal
 Free Quotes Reasonable Rates Senior's Discount
 Call Arron @ 403-335-4493 (Cell) 403-998-7310
 (Didsbury, Alberta)

Accounting & Bookkeeping
All You Need
 Accounting and Bookkeeping
Trish Svensen
 30 years experience

 129 Luxstone Road
 Airdrie, AB, T4B 0J7
 Phone: 403-980-9879
 Cell: 403-512-1668
 email: tesvensen@yahoo.ca

Excavating
Backhoe
& Bobcat
Excavating
 • Septic Fields • Residential
 • Commercial • Farmland
403.461.4958
 Providing customer service from Red Deer to Southern Alberta!

Didsbury, AB 403507.1534
Miller
Excavating & Contracting

 Gravel Sales • Landscaping • Post Hole Auger • Trenching
 Garage Pads • Concrete Prep: Form, Finish • Snow Removal
 Free Estimates • Reasonable Rates • Insured

Auto Detailing
AUTO DETAILING

 403-586-2170 CONTACT THE VANDENHOVEN'S 403-335-3684

Plumbing & Heating
A-4DABLE MECHANICAL & MAINTENANCE SERVICES
 Residential and Commercial
 Plumbing-Heating-Gasfitting-Steamfitting-Controls
Clemens van Besouw
 Tel: 335-3983
SEWER CLEANING SERVICES
Glass
County Glass & Contracting
 • Residential • Farm • Commercial • Shop & Mobile Services
Auto Glass Replacement & Repairs
 • Mirrors • Doors • Shower & Tub Accessories
 Res. 335-3805 Bus. 335-8080
 Box 1450, Didsbury 1-800-474-4419

Thrift Stores
Knox Thrift Shop Clothing & Footwear Only
 Proceeds to Missions,
 local charities, and
 community services
 Located at 2008 20 St.
 2 doors South of Don's World Travel
 Open Mon, Wed, & Fri: 10 - 4 p.m.
 Volunteers needed.
 Phone Joyce - 403-335-3840 or
 Margaret - 403-335-3812

Real Estate


 * BUY OR SELL WITH MEL
 * Free Evaluation of your home
 * Treat yourself to award winning
 service
 * Over 17 years servicing the area
 * Get your property on the
 MARKET NOW
 "I Care About Your Next Move"
Phone Mel Dick:
335-9778/540-0277

Plumbing & Heating
Omega Plumbing & Heating Ltd.
 Specializing in: Commercial & Residential
 Fully Licensed and Insured
 Furnace service and replacement
Walter Fiege
 Box 425
 Didsbury, Alberta
 T0M 0W0
 Ph: (403) 335-4020
 Fax: (403) 335-4021

Carpet Cleaning
DIDSBURY CARPET CLEANING
 LIV. DIN. HALL ----- \$69
 350 sq
 FURNACE & 12 VENTS ----- \$195
LYLE EBERLE
Extremeclean
 www.lyleextremeclean.blogspot.com
403 586-6667 Olds

Women's Fashions
ULLA-LA BOUTIQUE
 Women's Fashionable Accessories
 Pandora
 Purse
 Jewellery
 & MORE...
 1814-20th Street
 Didsbury, AB
 Ph: (403) 335-0014
 Why Shop at the Mall... Ulla-La has it ALL!

Optometrists
FOR SIGHT
VISION CENTRE
 FULL SERVICE EYE CARE TEAM
 2020 - 17th Avenue
 P.O. Box 2040
 Didsbury, Alberta
335-2020
Dr. Toby Vallance
Dr. Rod Adams

Olds Eyecare Clinic

 • Dr. Brian L. Trump
 • Dr. Allan W. Jones
 • Dr. Kathleen A. Murray
 • Dr. Dayna P. Jones
 • Dr. Natalia Wessels
 5302 - 50th Avenue, P.O. Box 3701
 Olds, Alberta T4H 1P5
 Tel: (403) 556-6068 Fax: (403) 556-6337
 www.oldsseyecare.ca

Exteriors
RH SPECIALIZING IN
 NEW CONSTRUCTION & RENOVATIONS
 WINDOWS, DOORS, SIDING, SOFFIT,
 FASCIA, CLADDING, METAL ROOFING,
 ALUMINUM RAILINGS

DOUBLE R EXTERIORS LTD.
335-9698
 SERVING DIDSBURY, OLDS,
 AND SURROUNDING AREA
ROY ROMANOW
 1313 - 20 ST Didsbury

Place your ad in the Didsbury Review!
 Call 403-335-3301 today.

Didsbury Marketplace

Didsbury Review 2017-A 19th Avenue, Box 760, Didsbury Alberta, T0M 0W0
 Phone: (403)335-3301 Fax: (403)335-8143
 E-mail: classifieds@didsburygreatwest.ca
 Deadlines: Friday - 12 noon, Holiday weekends - Thursday 12 noon.
 All marketplace ads must be pre-paid.
 Visa and Mastercard accepted by phone.



100. Obituaries 100. Obituaries 100. Obituaries 150. Birthdays/Anniversaries 150. Birthdays/Anniversaries



"What would I do if I had to pay for a funeral right now?"

If you called us, you'd be pleasantly surprised. With all of the options we offer, what you thought of as out of reach suddenly becomes realistic. If you're interested in prearrangement, the possibilities are even broader. Call us, we'll answer your questions.



Familiar faces you have come to know and trust"

- Olds 507-8610
- Innisfail 227-0006
- Sundre 638-4393

www.heartlandfuneralservices.com



Ken Sherick Richard Pahl



DO YOUR LOVED ONES KNOW YOUR WISHES?

Of all the things you discuss with your family, your last wishes could be one of the most important decisions you share. By discussing your wishes and putting them in writing, you clear up any doubts your family might have at an already difficult time.

Call us and we'll help you and your family through the preplanning process.



Reflections Funeral Homes www.reflectionsfuneralhomes.com

Mountain View Funeral Chapel 1413 - 21 Avenue Didsbury, AB T0M 0W0 (403) 335-4773

Metcalf Funeral Chapel 4200 - 49 Avenue Innisfail, AB T4G 1M6 (403) 227-3123

Mountain View Funeral Chapel 5226 - 46 Street Olds, AB T4H 1B8 (403) 556-3223

130. Coming Events 130. Coming Events

FREE COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS DINNER

December 25, 2009
DIDSBURY ELKS HALL
1:00 P.M. - 3:00 P.M.

NO GIFTS
 Please bring a donation for the food bank

For more info: 403-335-8299

180. Thank You 180. Thank You

Simple words seem so inadequate to express our deep appreciation for all you have during this tough time with the loss of our precious mom/grandmother. The prayers, food, flowers, donations, support and friendship will never be forgotten. Thank you.

The families of Doris Dietrich

130. Coming Events 130. Coming Events

FREE COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS DINNER

December 25, 2009
DIDSBURY ELKS HALL
1:00 P.M. - 3:00 P.M.

NO GIFTS
 Please bring a donation for the food bank

For more info: 403-335-8299

180. Thank You 180. Thank You

Simple words seem so inadequate to express our deep appreciation for all you have during this tough time with the loss of our precious mom/grandmother. The prayers, food, flowers, donations, support and friendship will never be forgotten. Thank you.

The families of Doris Dietrich

130. Coming Events 130. Coming Events

HOME CRAFT & GIFT Sale
 For every \$100.00 sold, \$5.00 will be donated to the Food Bank. Phone 403-335-3483 for more info.

300. Lost & Found

LOST DURING ACCIDENT
 near Acme overpass. Black Baby Standard Poodle 403-255-0397



NIKKI DURSTLING

Merry Christmas & Happy 18th Birthday!

Things haven't changed. Gone from milk bottles to beer bottles.

Lots of love. Best & Eric



LOST CAT

She has Siamese colouring but is not Siamese. Cream coloured with dark brown markings. Dark brown rings on sides and dark brown leopard spots on her tummy. Her name is Stitch. She has a tattoo in her ear and will be very scared. She answers to Stitchy. Disappeared by Ross Ford School.

\$250 REWARD
CALL 335-3974


1005. Help Wanted 1005. Help Wanted

HELP WANTED

Journeyman Plumber
 and Plumber Apprentices required for
 Manufacturer of Industrial Trailers in Carstairs.

Full-Time Position, Competitive Wages,
 Company Benefits (some field work required).

Please submit Resume to our office @
 704 Highfield Dr Carstairs, Ab
 or fax: 403-337-3751



Opportunity at Grimmon House - Didsbury

2 Youth workers -1 FT 40 Hrs Week, 1 PT 20 hrs/ week

We work with and help young women to address issues surrounding sexual exploitation and addiction. At Grimmon we provide our residents with on-site schooling through Chinook's Edge School Division, daily life skill enhancement and development, support in making a successful transition to home, community or an alternative program, and access to resources for ongoing recovery.

You bring a minimum of 2 years of experience, a degree or diploma in Human Services, understanding of PSECA legislation as well as a Class 4 licence. Experience working with at risk youth involved in street life is valuable. Current First Aid/CPR certification is required.

We provide a great team to work with and free parking. We also provide great benefits plan & contributory RRSP plan for FT position. Come and make a difference in the life of a child and build your career with the Boys and Girls Clubs of Calgary. Send applications via:

Email: careers@bgcc.ab.ca
 Mail: 731 13 Ave NE Calgary, AB T2E 1C8 or FAX: (403) 276-9988
 Visit www.boysandgirlsclubsofcalgary.ca for other career opportunities.

1040. Careers 1040. Careers

ALBERTA MASSAGE TRAINING

STUDY WHILE YOU WORK
 30 WEEKS, 9 WEEKENDS OF ATTENDANCE
 Classes held at St. Mary's University College, Calgary
 (403) 263-2075
 Toll Free - 1-877-768-8400
www.albertamassagetraining.com
 Classes start January 23, 2010

PALLETS PALLETS PALLETS

FREE FOR FIREWOOD, BUILDING, STORAGE
CALL 403.556.7510

Are you looking for office space?
 We have an office to rent for the right person.
Please call Cindy at
RE/MAX ACA Realty 556-5559

5003. Real Estate Misc. 5135. Suites For Rent

0 DOWN! Legals Paid! ★Didsbury★
 Renovated 3 bedroom mobile home
On it's own lot!
 Double detached garage.
Vacant
Call Randy
1-888-880-5582
 (TOLL FREE)

5110. Houses For Rent

FARM HOUSE For Rent, 10 miles West of Carstairs/Didsbury. (Carstairs School District), 4 bedroom, 2 bathroom farmhouse for rent F/S/DW/ laundry hook-up. References required \$1000.00 DD. Available December 1st. 403-335-6114 can leave a message.

5135. Suites For Rent

RUN AROUND NAKED. Well you can in this brand new private, cozy, "Home of Your Own". This property was built to be comfortable, warm and efficient. In-floor heating and weather efficient windows make this suite the right choice, clothed or not! There's no reason to have to brave the cold this winter with trips to the Laundromat, your new home has its own brand new stackable laundry appliances and won't last long at this price; Didsbury \$825/mth. plus utilities. Call Ally today to book a showing. 403-586-2424 www.omnihousing.ca

To Advertise
Call 335-3301

5110. Houses For Rent

FARM HOUSE For Rent, 10 miles West of Carstairs/Didsbury. (Carstairs School District), 4 bedroom, 2 bathroom farmhouse for rent F/S/DW/ laundry hook-up. References required \$1000.00 DD. Available immediately 403-335-6666 can leave a message.

To Advertise
Call 335-3301

5160. Condos For Rent

3 BEDROOM CONDO, 1 1/2 bath, main floor laundry Available immediately \$850.00/mth. DD same. NP 403-335-8299/ 403-507-1266

To Advertise
Call 335-3301

5320. Land Wanted

WANTED Cultivated Land for Lease or Purchase

We offer competitive, flexible and negotiable cash rent or crop share agreements. For more information, please call 403-333-3153.

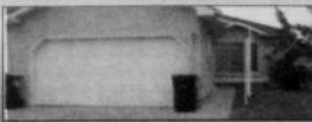
FRONT PORCH REALTY

81 Westpoint Drive
Beautiful home in move-in condition, vaulted ceilings, hardwood, gas fireplace, corner pantry, main floor laundry, 2 decks.



\$329,900

1909 - 17 Street
Lovely maintenance free living, new hardwood floors, new paint and baseboards, 2 bedrooms, main floor laundry, double garage, reasonable HOA fees



\$244,900

1404 - 22 Street
Beautiful 2 year old home, fully finished, 4 bedrooms, 3 baths, jetted tub, hardwood, kitchen island, walk-in closet in master, just move on in!



\$339,900

12 Dallarrie Dr. Carstairs
Brand new home, 1749 sq ft, hardwood, gas fireplace, main floor laundry, great ensuite with soaker tub, huge rear deck, large yard



\$369,500 plus net GST

2029 - 22 Avenue

A real character! 3 bedrooms, main floor laundry, several newer windows, original fir floors, wrap-around veranda, single garage



\$218,900

1269 - 23 Avenue



\$329,900

Beautiful 45 + unit with no condo fees! vaulted ceilings, gas fireplace, oak kitchen, main floor laundry, bonus room, finished basement

#2, 2200 - 7 Avenue

great starter home or revenue property, 3 bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths, main floor laundry, new flooring, good sized fenced yard



\$134,900

3.01 Acres Ready For Your Dream Home!

drilled well, fenced perimeter, centrally located just 7 minutes west of Olds



\$214,900

105 Morris Place

Wow! 1300 sq ft, 4 bedrooms, 3 baths, hardwood up and down, 9' ceilings up and down, in-floor heat in basement, gas fireplace, granite counter tops, great view to the west



\$479,900

4 Westwood Drive

Terrific family home in a great location, 5 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, main floor laundry, jetted tub, fireplace, covered rear deck, backs onto farmer's field, reasonably priced!



\$279,900

THE
PORCH
BOYZ

"SnOw" why not "Drift" in to see us!



2114 - 21 Avenue
THE BROWNSTONES OF DIDSBURY

Nothing like this in Didsbury! Gorgeous 3 storey units, 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, hardwood, gas fireplace, single garage, no condo fees! Only 2 units left.

Starting at \$314,900 including GST

2143 - 22 Avenue



Well built home in great location, 3 + 1 bedrooms, 2 baths, gas fireplace, hardwood, brick exterior, large lot, single garage

\$299,900

2102 - 20 Street



Great commercial opportunity! 5 commercial lots on busy mainstreet in Didsbury, 130' X 130' total

\$250,000

1918 - 16 Street



Just move in and enjoy maintenance free living, 2 + 1 bedrooms, gas fireplace, granite countertops, newer tile floors and carpet, reasonable HOA fees

\$239,900

1553 McAlpine Street, Carstairs



Brand new home, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, main floor laundry, vaulted ceilings, walk-through pantry, 9' basement, hardwood and more!

\$372,869

301, 1902 - 23 Street



Beautiful 2 bedroom 2 bath condo. Top floor NW corner, golf course view, corner gas F.P., wall mount A.C., open floor plan, all appl. included.

\$189,900

205, 1902 - 23 Street



Great Apartment Condo! 2 bedrooms, gas fireplace, open plan, newer laminate, paint and countertops, single garage, centrally located

\$174,999

11 Meadowview Court



1259 sq ft fully developed home, vaulted ceilings, huge pantry, hardwood floors, large master, in-floor heat in basement, 2 tiered deck

\$349,900

2022 - 18 Avenue



Major renovations including addition, 3 bdrms, 1 1/2 baths, corner gas FP, maple kitchen, formal dining, sunroom, walk-in closet in master, separate entrance for home based business, 24' X 30' garage.

\$299,900

18 Valarosa Cove



Brand new and Beautiful! over 1600 sq ft, hardwood, gas fireplace, open plan, 9' ceilings, 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, main floor laundry, walk-out basement, and much more!

\$324,900

FRONT PORCH **FOCUS**

SUPPORT THE "DIDSBURY CHRISTMAS HELPERS" AS THEY PROVIDE MUCH NEEDED HAMPERS TO THOSE WHO NEED A HAND THIS CHRISTMAS. CASH DONATIONS CAN BE MADE THROUGH ZION CHURCH OR PURCHASE A GIFT FOR AN ANONYMOUS CHILD, CALL ZION CHURCH AT 403-335-3629 IF YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO COULD USE A HAMPER THIS CHRISTMAS.



Front Porch Realty

A Whole new Approach to Service!

335-2222

info@frontporchrealty.ca
www.frontporchrealty.ca

2009 20 Avenue

Just east of the
Post Office

MLS
MULTIPLE LISTING SERVICE

R
REALTOR®



Allen Reed
Broker



Rod Neufeld
Associate